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In re Patent Application of) MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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ENVIRONMENT)
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims.

Claims 29-37 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 on the grounds that the specification does not provide a written description, or enabling disclosure of the subject matter recited in these claims. Specifically, the Office Action states that the recitation of "selecting a specific software unit is not disclosed or enabled by the originally filed application."

In their previous response, Applicants pointed out that claim 29 is directed to a feature of the invention that is illustrated by the exemplary screen of Figure 11C. This screen depicts a particular application role, e.g. a software unit, as well as details associated with the software included in that role. In the illustrated embodiment, those details include the identification of the devices, e.g. hosts, on which that particular application role is installed. The display of this screen of information is obtained via the list of application roles depicted in Figure 11B. As described in the specification, an individual role displayed in the list of Figure 11B "can be accessed as a link to reveal its dependencies." By accessing such a link, the screen of Figure 11C is displayed. It is respectfully submitted that the operation of